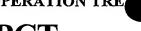
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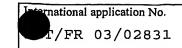
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1.	Statement		

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims		NO

Citations and explanations

1. Claim 1

1.1. Closest prior art

Document US-A-5 845 564, which also relates to the treatment of unmilled plant material, is considered the closest prior art.

1.2. Difference

The method according to claim 1 differs from that of D1 by virtue of the fact that the method of claim 1 includes the step of pre-wetting the plant material via the addition of a volume of water prior to the resting phase.

This difference results in moisture penetrating the grain, thereby dilating the micropores and creating channels for swift ozone exchange and penetration inside the grain.

1.3. Objective problem

Devising a method for treating plant material that provides a number of physical and chemical properties to the flour products resulting from the milling of said plant material in order to enhance the quality of pastry prepared with said flour products while reducing production costs.

None of the available prior art documents describes such a solution.

Therefore, the subject matter of claim 1 can be considered novel and inventive (PCT Article 33(1)-(3)).

1.4. Industrial applicability

Industrial applicability is obvious (PCT Article 33(4)).

2. Claim 18

Claim 18 is directed to the flour products obtained with the method according to claim 17. Said method confers to said products certain properties, in particular the maltose concentration, which differ from the other types of flour known from the prior art (cf. the applicant's letter dated 7 December 2004), said properties enhancing the quality of pastry produced with said flour products while reducing the production costs thereof.

None of the available prior art documents describes such a solution.

The subject matter of claim 18 can therefore be considered novel and inventive (PCT Article 33(1)-(3)).

Industrial applicability is obvious (PCT Article 33(4)).